Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 23 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Monday 24 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Sunday 23 Jan 2022 at 02:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for the overall forecast for the next few days, but low for extent of low cloud. Low for southward clearance of rain on Monday.

Headline for Sunday 23 Jan 2022: Rather cold, very windy and cloudy, wintry showers on the highest tops in the west

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 23 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG		FOG			
Fog	Light rain	Fog	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 23 Jan 2022

Weather: Generally cloudy across the west through the day with occasional rain, and snow or hail above 900 metres. Across the more sheltered inland eastern areas, it will be dry with some cloud breaks developing in the cloud sheet at times. Very windy on the tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in the west, 60% in the more sheltered east

Visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 500 metres across the Cuillins, southern Lochaber and Wester Ross although some breaks possible in the morning especially to the lee of summits. Cloud tending to be more persistent here in the afternoon. Elsewhere, inland across the east more in the way of cloud breaks expected with good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	46/55 SW	45/55 SW	48/60 SW	51/63 SW	49/62 SW	46/59 SW	44/57 SW
900	45/53 SW	43/54 SW	47/59 SW	49/62 SW	47/60 SW	44/57 SW	41/54 SW
600	34/43 SW	33/44 SW	35/46 SW	36/48 SW	33/45 SW	31/43 SW	29/41 SW
300	10/39 SW	11/40 SW	13/43 SW	13/45 SW	13/43 SW	12/42 SW	11/41 SW
Glen	17/32 SW	16/32 SW	17/33 SW	16/32 S	15/32 S	17/35 SW	17/36 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-8	1/-8	0/-9	0/-10	-0/-10	0/-9	1/-8
900	2/-7	2/-7	1/-8	1/-8	1/-8	1/-8	2/-7
600	4/-3	4/-3	3/-4	3/-5	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3
300	6/3	5/2	5/1	4/0	4/0	5/1	5/2
Glen	8/4	8/4	7/3	7/3	7/3	7/3	8/4
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1200m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Becoming increasingly windy through the day, southwesterly severe gales or higher summit storms will lead to slow progress and significant wind chill. Higher tops in the west will see some wintry precipitation at times.

Forecast for Monday 24 Jan 2022

Weather: Overnight rain and higher summit snow will gradually clear from the northwest by the end of the morning to leave a largely dry afternoon and evening with only small amounts of summit cloud. Chance of a few light snow showers in the north of the area in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 50 mph at first, becoming northwesterly 15 mph through the morning

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance at first, but cloud lifting off summits from the north through the morning

Visibility: Poor in early low cloud down to 500 metres, becoming very good with great air clarity from the north as the morning progresses. Only small amounts of low cloud around 800 metres in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 falling to minus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits at first lowering to 600 metres by afternoon

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